



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Laboratory Outreach Communication System (LOCS) is forwarding the following links to the National Immunization Program's website for important laboratory diagnosis information concerning mumps specimen collection and storage and testing for distribution to your members who may be involved in testing for mumps infection. Please disseminate this information via your most timely channels. This is important to assure that clinical laboratories have access to the most up-to-date information concerning mumps specimen collection and storage and testing.

<http://www.cdc.gov/nip/diseases/mumps/default.htm>

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- [!\[\]\(38441ceaa711016e0bf2ad46ad394ff4\_img.jpg\) Updated Recommendations of the ACIP for the Control and Elimination of Mumps](#) Added June 1  
June 1, 2006 / 55(Early Release); 1-2 (.pdf version - [printable](#)) 
- [!\[\]\(781510d64f329bf3c880acf086e884d6\_img.jpg\) Update: Multistate Outbreak of Mumps - United States, January 1 - May 2, 2006](#) Added May 18  
May 18, 2006 / 55(Dispatch); 1-5 (.pdf version - [printable](#)) 
- [Laboratory Diagnosis](#) Updated May 12
- [CDC specimen submission form 50.34](#)
- [Specimen Collection & Management Q&As](#) Updated May 22 (includes photo of parotid gland/buccal swab)
- [Laboratory Testing for Mumps Infection Q&As](#)
- [Mumps virus standard RT-PCR overview](#) (.doc)
- [Real-Time RT-PCR Assay for Mumps \(SH Gene\)](#) (.doc) New May 10

Please submit any comments and questions concerning this communication **from your organization** to [jastles@cdc.gov](mailto:jastles@cdc.gov). Thank you in advance for your assistance in communicating this information to the broadest possible clinical laboratory community.

Regards,

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